

and hope for the success of my mediation at Vienna and for our country and the peace of Europe.

"Iry devoted Nicholas."

To this the German emperor replied:

"I answer to thy appeal in my friendliest and thy prayer for my help. I undertake mediatory action between the Austro-Hungarian government in Vienna. While this action was in progress my troops were mobilized against my ally, Austria-Hungary, and the consequences of which, as I have already informed thee, my mediation was rendered nearly illusory. Nevertheless

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